

***Reveal to us your story***  
**First Mennonite Church**  
**April 5, 2020**

Welcome Jeff Boehr

Announcements

Prelude *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE  
LuAnn Stuckey arr. D. Busarow

\*Invocation

\*Hymn *Hosanna, loud hosanna* HWB 238

Conversation with Friends Mast family

\*Confession  
Leader: O God, we come to you as the people who greeted Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, full of joy and praise and thanksgiving. Forgive us for the times we forget to show you our gratitude.  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**  
Leader: We come as the people who were baffled when they realized how quickly their joy was turned to sorrow for you.  
**People: Christ, have mercy.**  
Leader: We come, wanting to be with you as you enter the time and place of your death, knowing we cannot face this week alone.  
**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* JESU KREUZ  
LuAnn Stuckey Vulpius/Walther

Community Prayer Theda Good

Reading *The Lord's Supper* Matthew 26:14-29

\*Hymn *Put peace into each other's hands* STJ 87

Reading *Gethsemane* Matthew 26:30-46

\*Hymn *Stay with me* (Sing 4 times) HWB 242

Reading *Jesus betrayed and arrested* Matthew 26:47-75

\*Hymn *Let there be light, Lord God* HWB 371

Reading *Jesus before Pilate* Matthew 27:1-2; 11-31

\*Hymn *Ah, holy Jesus* HWB 254

Reading *The crucifixion* Matthew 27:32-44

\*Hymn *O sacred head, now wounded* HWB 252

Reading *Jesus' Death* Matthew 27:45-56

Communion

Reading *Jesus' Burial* Matthew 27:57-61

Please depart in silence

Readers: Jeff Boehr, Gerald Mast, Theda Good, Wanda Stopher

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*  
*HWB Hymnal: A Worship Book; STJ Sing the Journey*

*In response to God's unconditional love for all people, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome you to join us on our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We are committed to breaking down dividing walls and building community where all are loved and accepted. We believe in active inclusion and invite each one to participate in the life and ministry of our congregation.*

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**Church Staff**

- Pastor Wanda Stopher – Monday-Thursday, 9-4, off Friday; 419-551-1079; [wanda@fmcbluffton.org](mailto:wanda@fmcbluffton.org)
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**Bulletin cover:** Victoria Woods-Yee    **Chancel:** Wendy Chappell-Dick

**Our stewardship**

Total spending plan giving March 2020 to date                    \$25,406  
Avg monthly offering needed to meet 2020 spending plan    \$37,136

*First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. The Mennonites are named after Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the "Anabaptist" movement, which began in 1525, with origins in Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands now reaching around the world. Some primary Anabaptist convictions then and now are following Jesus Christ in service to others, rejection of violence and war, and joyful community life.*

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